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MEMORANDUM FOR: CSR/Reports and Requirements

ATTENTION

Chief
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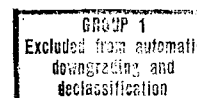
SUBJECT

: Information of Possible Use for Dissemination
Regarding Russification in the Ukraine

1. An AERODYNAMIC source reported the following. While riding on the back platform of a trolley in Lvov, during a visit to the USSR in the late summer of 1963, the source was approached by a Soviet Ukrainian and his wife who said they knew about her because she visited in the school where the wife was employed as a teacher. The husband said he was a medical doctor. The doctor told the source that he had a sister living in Connecticut, and he asked the source to get in touch with her and request that she discontinue her correspondence with another sister living in the Ukraine because, as a result of her correspondence, members of her family were being interrogated by the KGB about relatives living abroad.

2. During their conversation, the doctor told the source that Russification was being forced on Soviet Ukrainians, and Ukrainian cities were being Russified. Kiev was cited as an example. The doctor said he was taken as a foreign tourist when in Kiev because he spoke Ukrainian on the streets of the city. He said there was a lack of Ukrainian language textbooks and Ukrainian students are forced to use Russian language textbooks. Russian lecturers are sent to Ukrainian universities where they are given promotions and the better positions, while local Ukrainians remained in lesser positions for years. Ukrainian talent; i.e., the outstanding artists, scholars, scientists, are sent to Moscow and Leningrad, and inferior Russian substitutes sent to replace them. Even skilled workers are being recruited and sent to the RSFSR. Ukrainian students are sent to Russian universities, while the Ukrainian universities are filled with Russian students. The doctor said strikes and protests against these policies have taken place but there has been no let up in the Russification measures. He told the source, however, that Ukrainians had worse experiences in the past, but they were not broken in spirit and that Russification in the Ukraine will fail in the final analysis.

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3. The Source of this information, on untested course, is an American citizen who was born of Ukrainian parents and educated in the Ukraine.

4. Please contact [] on extension 7168, room 5B29, if you have any questions regarding the foregoing.

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